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SUBJ: THROWN SILK -- GATT PANEL

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1. JAPANESE MISSION (TERADA) TOLD GATT SECRETARIAT (PATTERSON) AUGUST 19 THAT RESOLUTION OF THROWN SILK PROBLEM NOT POSSIBLE BEFORE AUGUST 20 AND THEREFORE SECRETARIAT SHOULD PROCEED TO ESTABLISH PANEL. PATTERSON GAVE US BRIEFING REPORTED BELOW ON DISCUSSIONS HE HAD WITH JAPANESE REGARDING PANEL PROCEDURES.

2. PATTERSON STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF PANEL MEETING AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AND ASKED IF JAPANESE WOULD BE READY TO MEET DURING FIRST HALF OF SEPTEMBER. JAPANESE STATED IN PRINCIPLE THEY COULD, ALTHOUGH WHEN PATTERSON MENTIONED THAT PANELS OFTEN REPRESENTED BY PEOPLE FROM CAPITALS, JAPANESE INDICATED DATE MIGHT BE A PROBLEM BECAUSE OF US/JAPANESE BILATERALS. ASSUME US CAN MEET ANY TIME AFTER SEPTEMBER 12 AND THAT WE CAN SO INFORM GATT SECRETARIAT. PATTERSON HAS BEGUN TO CONTACT PROPOSED PANEL MEMBERS LISTED IN REFTEL (A). AS ALL OF THE PREFERRED CANDIDATES, INCLUDING ALL THREE NORDICS, ARE OUT OF TOWN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2, PATTERSON DOES

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NOT EXPECT TO NAIL DOWN PANEL MEMBERS BEFORE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 5. PANEL COULD CONCEIVABLY QUICKLY HOLD INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND BE READY TO CALL IN PARTIES AS EARLY AS WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12.

3. PATTERSON GAVE JAPANESE FOLLOWING RUNDOWN ON PANEL PROCEDURES. PANELS ESTABLISHED THEIR OWN PROCEDURES. AFTER

INITIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING THEY NORMALLY CALL PARTIES
IN ORDER FOR COMPLAINANT TO PRESENT ORAL AND WRITTEN STATEMENT
AND DEFENDANT TO REPLY. PANELS MAY CALL PARTIES BACK FOR
FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. SINCE AT COUNCIL MEETING A NUMBER OF
OTHER COUNTRIES EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PANEL, THEY WILL PROBABLY
BE ALLOWED TO MAKE STATEMENTS TO PANEL BUT BE GIVEN NO FURTHER
RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION. SOME PANELS IN PAST HAVE GIVEN PARTIES
AN INDICATION OF THEIR VIEWS AND HAVE ASKED PARTIES TO MAKE
FURTHER EFFORT TO RESOLVE THEIR DISPUTE; OTHERS, SUCH AS DISC
PANEL, HAVE SIMPLY ISSUED A DECISION.

4. ACTION: PLEASE CONFIRM US CAN MEET ANY TIME DURING FIRST HALF
OF SEPTEMBER AND IN PARTICULAR DURING PERIOD SEPTEMBER 12-23.
AS MEETING MAY BE CALLED ON RELATIVELY SHORT NOTICE, SUGGEST
WORK BE STARTED ON US STATEMENT TO PANEL.VANDEN HEUVEL

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